

## Partnership announced between AFRL and DHS

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ROME, N.Y. — Scientists and engineers at the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate will soon be involved in expanded research opportunities in support of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Dr. Charles McQueary, DHS Undersecretary for Science and Technology, announced Aug. 17 during a visit to the Rome Research Site that the department will form a new partnership with the Information Directorate to bolster future DHS requirements for information technology.

Dr. McQueary, who toured the directorate's facilities for a series of briefings and demonstrations, announced that DHS and AFRL have agreed to sign a Memorandum of Agreement that will establish a research partnership in the areas of Cyber Operations, Information Management, Information Fusion and

Understanding, Information Exploitation, Connectivity, Advanced Computing Architectures and Command and Control.

The undersecretary and directorate officials also met with local civic leaders and high technology business representatives at a roundtable luncheon to discuss Homeland Security technology needs and opportunities, including ways for local employers to do business with the department.

"It is our hope that with today's agreement this is only the tip of the iceberg, the start of even greater things in the future," said U.S. Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, chairman of the House Science Committee. "In its relatively short history, DHS has already funded \$7 million in research (with the Information Directorate)." @